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1. SUMMARY: FRENCH MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF SUGAR REFINERIES SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE
SUGAR INDUSTRY WILL REDUCE BY 75-0/0, IN THREE YEARS, THE
INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION CAUSED BY THAT INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNMENT
IN RETURN WILL FUND 10-0/0 OF THE 20 MILLION DOLLARS ESTIMATED
NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROGRAM OBJECTIVE. NEW PLANTS WILL HAVE
TO COMPLY WITH LOW POLLUTION STANDARDS. A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS
SIGNED LAST YEAR WITH THE PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY AND ANOTHER IS
EXPECTED WITH THE DISTILLERY INDUSTRY. END SUMMARY

2. AS ANNOUNCED IN REPAIR (A), AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED
LAST WEEK BY FRENCH MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT ROBERT POUJADE
AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUGAR MANUFACTURERS. THIS AGREE-
MENT IS A BINDING CONTRACT WHICH COMMITS THE SUGAR INDUSTRY TO
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REDUCE BY 75-0/0 WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS THE WATER POLLUTION IT
IS CAUSING, THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION IS CALCULATED FROM A FORMULA

BASED ON SUSPENDED SOLIDS, AND BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL EXOGEN DEMAND). IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 16-0/0 OF THE INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION IN FRANCE. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE SUGAR INDUSTRY WILL REDUCE THIS POLLUTION FROM 16 TO 4-0/0 BY 1976, AT ESTIMATED INVESTMENTS OF ABOUT \$20 MILLION OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL FUND 10-0/0, THROUGH THE RIVER BASIN AGENCIES. THESE AGENCIES ALREADY FINANCE AN AVERAGE OF 50-0/0 OF THE COST OF TREATMENT FACILITIES BY LEVYING A TAX ON EFFLUENTS CHARGED TO THE POLLUTERS. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE ONLY FOR EXISTING PLANTS (THERE ARE 71 SUGAR REFINERIES IN FRANCE), AND NOT FOR NEW ONE WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW STANDARDS SET UP BY THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, AT AN ADDITIONAL COST ESTIMATED

AT 5 TO 10-0/0.

3. THIS AGREEMENT IS A MAJOR STEP IN THE NATIONAL POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAM STARTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT HAS ORGANIZED THIS PROGRAM ON AN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR BASIS. THE FIRST SECTOR TO BE COVERED BY THIS GOVERNMENT-PRIVATE ENTERPRISE COOPERATION PROGRAM WAS THE PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY, FOR WHICH A SIMILAR AGREEMENT COMMITTING A \$75 MILLION INVESTMENT WAS SIGNED LAST YEAR. A THIRD AGREEMENT CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATION IS EXPECTED TO BE ENTERED WITH THE DISTILLERY INDUSTRY. TOGETHER, THE PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY, THE SUGAR REFINERY INDUSTRY AND THE DISTILLERY

INDUSTRY ARE ESTIMATED TO CAUSE 56-0/0 OF THE INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION. THESE THREE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY LARGE UNITS WITH A STRONG TRADE STRUCTURE AND DISCIPLINE. AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, WHICH ARE IN PREPARATION, WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH ACCORDING TO MINISTER POUJADE, BECAUSE OF THE LARGER NUMBER

AND SMALLER SIZE OF ENTERPRISES AND FACTORIES THEY REPRESENT (DYING, TANNING, WOOL PROCESSING, BREWERIES, ETC.).

4. COMMENT: KNOWN AS AN ARTFUL POLITICAN, MINISTER POUJADE MUST RECONCILE THE DEMAND FOR ACTION FROM AN INCREASINGLY ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCIOUS PUBLIC WITH THE CONCERN, PARTICULARLY STRONG IN OTHER MINISTRIES, THAT THE ENVIRONMENT MAY

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DETRACT FROM OTHER OBJECTIVES CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT, SUCH AS ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SEE REFERENCE B). WITH BOTH HIS PUBLIC CONSTITUENCY AND HIS MINISTRY STILL RELATIVELY WEAK, HE APPEARS TO HAVE CHOSEN A PROGRAM OF CONSULTATION AND COMPROMISE WITH INDUSTRY. NEVERTHELESS, HIS ABILITY TO REACH AGREEMENTS WITH INDUSTRY TOGETHER WITH HIS IMPOSITION OF AN INTERNAL REORGANIZATION OF HIS MINISTRY LAST SPRING (SEE REFERENCE C) AND FORECASTS OF A HEALTHY BUDGET INCREASE FOR 1974, INDICATE THAT POUJADE IS ABLY SOLVING THE PROBLEMS HE FACES. IRWIN

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